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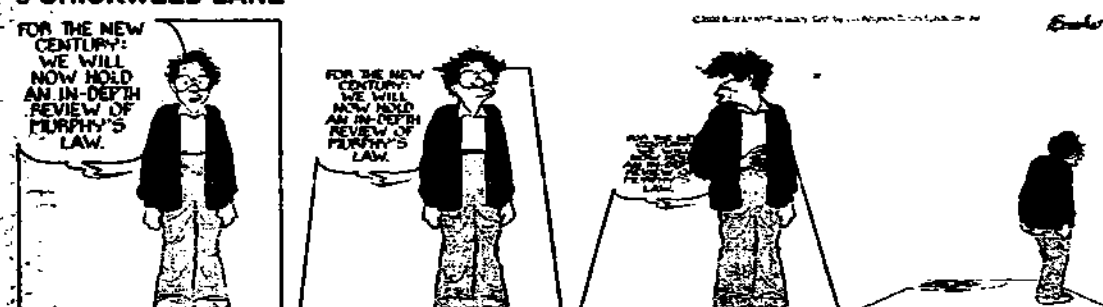
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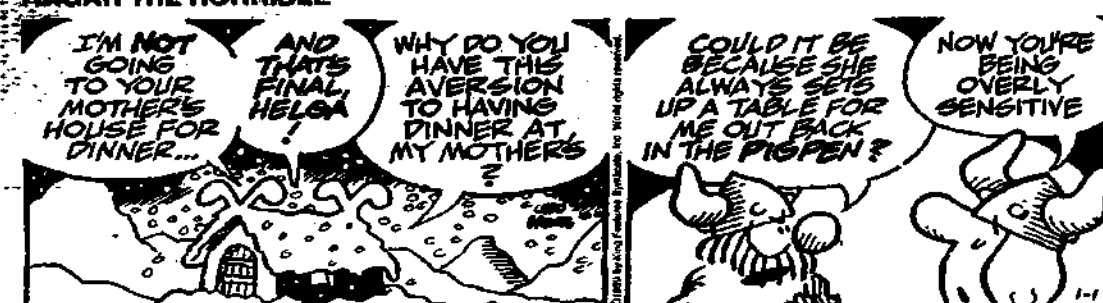
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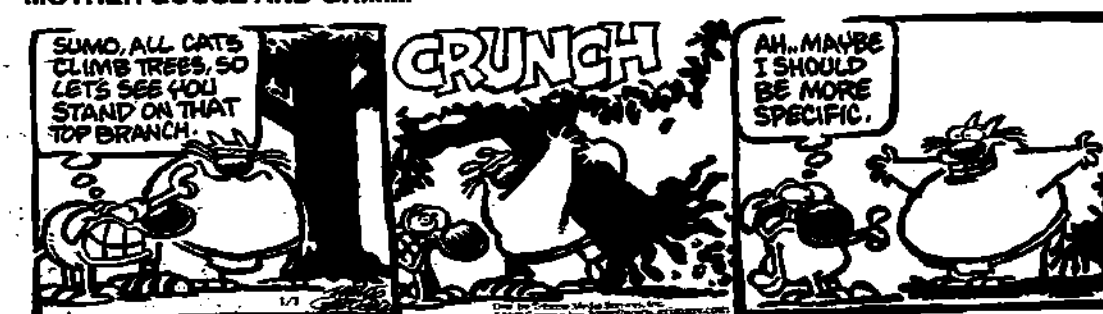
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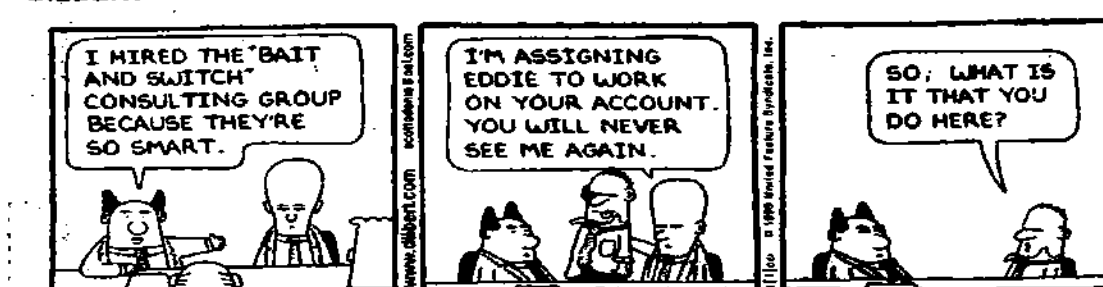
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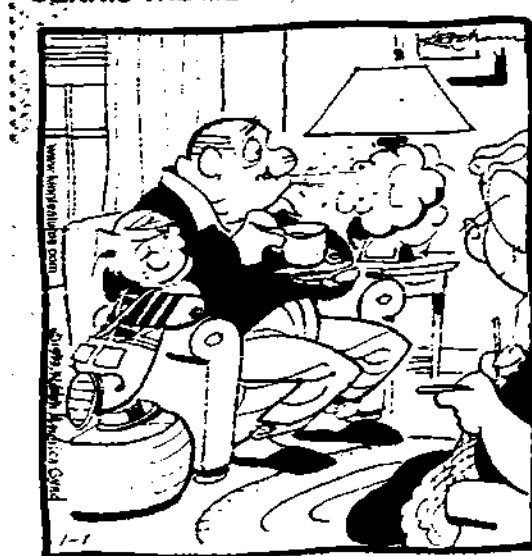
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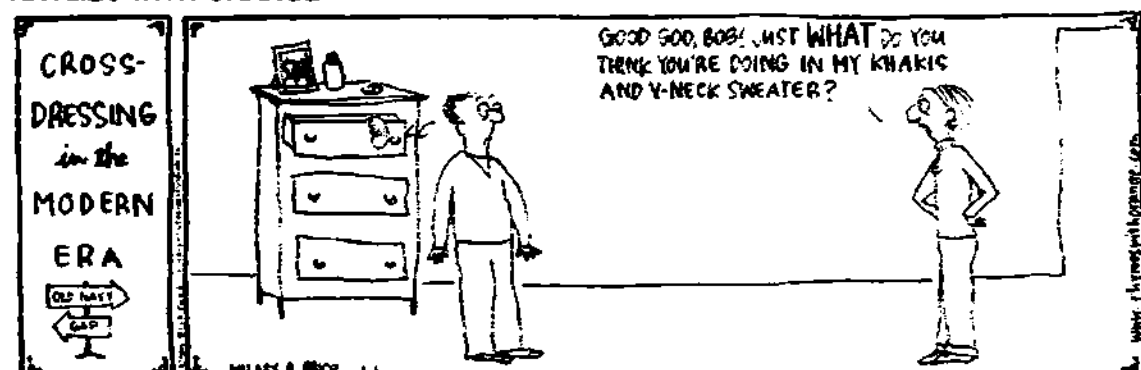
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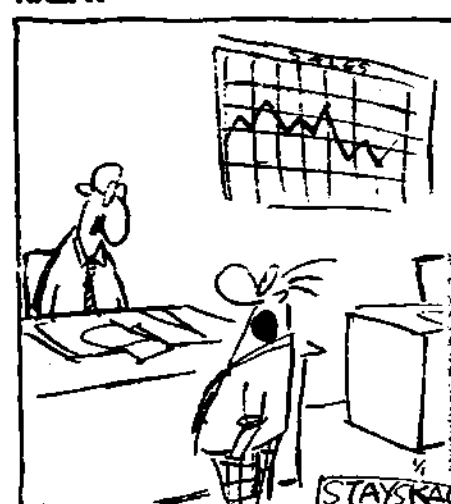
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Author J. D. Salinger is 81. Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., is 78. Actor Frank Langella is 60. Rock singer-musician Country Joe McDonald is 58. Country singer Steve Ripley (The Tractors) is 50. Rap Grandmaster Flash is 42. Actress Ren Woods is 42. Actress Dedee Pfeiffer is 36. Actor Verne Troyer ("Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me") is 31.

I NEED HELP



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U	R	R	F	L	M	A
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PAR SCORE 145-155
by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each rack. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 1-48 © 2000, United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

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WORD SLEUTH

NAMES FROM THE SECOND MILLENNIUM

J G E C S Z X V T R P N L J S
H E C A H S Y W V M T R P T U
N L C R A F O N A O J K N R B
I G N E K E I R U C E I R A M
D C E G E N X B B Z E X W Z U
A G W A S H I N G T O N N O L
V A T L P U S W S R H P O M O
I N O I E O M N R L J G S I C
N D N L A G I E D A B A I Y X
C H W E R E U T S Q D P D R O
I I N O E L O P A N N L E K W

Friday's unlisted clue: INTERNET
Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Saturday's unlisted clue list: LEONARDO
Columbus, Galileo, Marx, Shakespeare
Darwin, Gandhi, Mozart, Washington
Edison, Joan of Arc, Napoleon, Wright Bros.
Einstein, Marie Curie, Newton

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HOROSCOPE

For Sunday, Jan. 2

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Something has thrown a wrench into the works, and as a result, the smooth gears that comprised your existence have suddenly become jerky and off-kilter.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your feelings for a significant other suddenly become passionate and tumultuous.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) This is a time when you can offer assistance in a variety of different ways.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You are able to let go of certain trappings from an earlier time.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) A group of people might wish to hide something from you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) You are itching to travel.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) The dress in the store window or the shiny new car on the lot beckons to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) At a time when people are looking for answers, you seem to have them all.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You know that there is something you should be doing, but you can't figure out exactly what it is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Warm and secure in the company of friends and family, you are able to make solid decisions about what to do with your future.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You feel temporarily unprepared to deal with your own problems right now.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Your feelings have never been so easy to express as they are right now.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff

To celebrate the New Year, two of the club's mischievous members set up today's deal. The intended victim was the club's bridge guru, who sat South. "We're sure to get him on this one," said one plotter. "Yes, and it should make the rest of the year more pleasant," agreed his accomplice. In a typical game, East would win the first trick with his spade ace and return the queen. Having nothing to lose by holding up his king, South would duck, and the defense would collapse. South would later lose a club and emerge with an easy overtrick. The conspirators had other plans. At trick one, East played his queen instead of the ace. Surely South would take his king. If he didn't, a low spade return might beat the game quickly. And after South took his king and crossed to dummy to take a club finesse, West would cleverly duck. On another club lead from dummy, East would jettison his spade ace to spring the trap. This would limit South to eight tricks. What actually happened? When East played his spade queen at trick one, South boldly played his king. East could do no more than cash his ace, and the nefarious plot exploded.

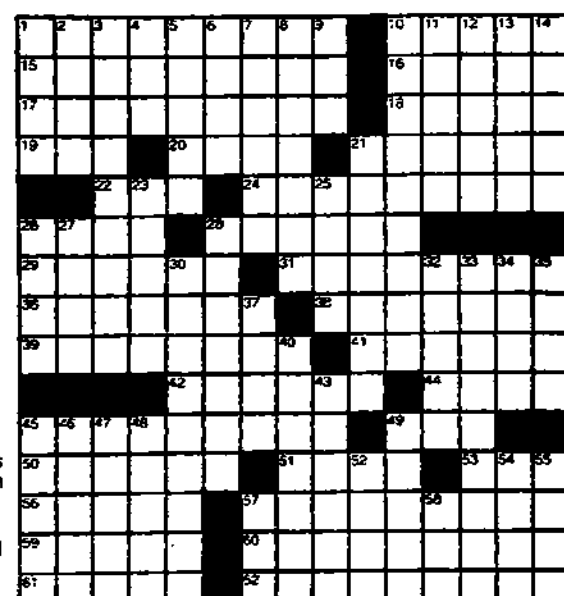
N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 1120

- ACROSS**
- Never-ending story
 - More likely to retire
 - Not that good
 - Like headlines
 - Big advertiser at Indy
 - Range ridge
 - B'nai B'rith watchdog org.
 - Cairo's river
 - Made right
 - Arabic name precursor
 - Radio audience
 - Steward's charge
 - Some like it hot
 - "Women, Race & Class" author Davis
 - Tying the knot
 - Dazes
 - Voice
 - Not out of the question
 - Zone
 - Pontiffs' accessories
 - School administration
 - Where some waves originate
 - It was launched in 1986
 - A gogo
 - Bit
 - 1992 Kentucky Derby winner
 - E. Tee
 - It may be full of lemons
 - Ignominy
 - Capt. Davies's portrayal in "Motivation"
 - Roots
 - Motivation affecters
 - Fosters
 - Driving force?
- DOWN**
- Sitter's choice
 - "Tristia" poet
 - Its logo is a shamrock
 - Season opener?
 - Bean seen on-screen
 - Approach
 - Brise performer
 - Some examples of impressionism
 - "Hand-Made Fables" writer
 - Place for a road sign
 - Long-legged fisher
 - Rich or Worth
 - Triglyceride, for one
 - Oboe duet?
 - Buffaloed
 - Sounds from the hood
 - Fall mos.
 - One of a traditional elite
 - Turned on by
 - Spencer, e.g.
 - Idle sorts
 - Plants in a dry place

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

FLOYD HIGWAY
HAWAII ANOUIL
APPEARS SHAPPE
PEA BOONCHOO BOB
PEPE HIGES NOVO
ELEVE OUD YONES
STRIKEUP MISERS
LINEJUDGE
SECOND ONTHEAIR
AXING RUC YUNNA
FATE YENLD MAVS
ENT BITTERS MOS
BIZARRE SETSAIL
ENEMIES AVARICE
TENSEST MENACES



Puzzle by A. J. Sventon

- 47 Actress Massey
48 What some runners run for
49 What some runners run in
52 Quick cut
54 Anatomical aequeduct
55 Not so great
57 "Who?" (slangy query)
58 Assign

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